

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Attorney Docket No.: Q90112
U.S. Application No.: 10/550,912

REMARKS

This is a Response to the Restriction Requirement of June 7, 2007. Further responsive thereto, and particularly with respect to Paragraph 4 at page 3 of the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has herein amended independent claim 13 to be directed to a process for production of a nonwoven fabric according to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that withdrawn process claims 13 - 17 should be rejoined and allowed upon the determination of allowability with respect to the elected product claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to now proceed with the examination on the merits.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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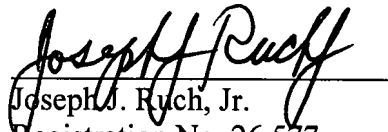
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